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ANDREW P. PEABODY

TENTH EDITOR OF THE "REVIEW"

Among the distinguished group of editors of the *REVIEW* none was more widely known for scholarly attainment, spiritual breadth and the gift of friendship than Andrew P. Peabody, who succeeded his close friend, Francis Bowen, as tenth editor of the *REVIEW* in 1853. He was born in Beverley, Massachusetts, March 19, 1811.

Many anecdotes are told of his amazing memory, which showed itself in his early youth. He was taught to read at the age of three, and because the book from which he learned was, through an inadvertence, handed to him upside down, he mastered his letters in this way, and throughout his life kept the ability. It was an accomplishment, however, about which he was rather sensitive.

Like all his fellow-editors, Dr. Peabody was a graduate of Harvard, in fact, the youngest student, with but one exception, upon whom the University ever conferred a degree. He had a lifelong association with his alma mater, for he was connected with the college for over thirty-nine years in various capacities—as undergraduate, then in the Divinity School; as tutor in mathematics, then as professor for twenty-one years, and twice he was acting-President. Dr. Peabody was ordained in 1833, and succeeded Dr. Parker at Portsmouth, where he remained for many years.

It was partly with the idea to gain a mental stimulus that he undertook editorial work, and this decided him to become proprietor and editor of the *REVIEW*. This was in 1853, and he continued in this enterprise for ten years, at the same time keeping on with his other duties. During his editorship he contributed a great deal of matter on many topics—there being some sixteen hundred pages to his credit, and nearly all the book notices of that time were his. In the *REVIEW* for October, 1850, Dr. Peabody wrote one of his most interesting papers on "The Navigation of the Ancients," which in these days of discussion of the freedom of the seas will well repay perusal. In addition to his editorial work, he wrote many volumes on varied subjects.

In 1852 Harvard University conferred the degree of D.D. upon Dr. Peabody, and in 1863 the University of Rochester the degree of LL.D. His advocacy of peace was indicated by the fact that for fifty years he was Vice-President of the American Peace Society and supported the efforts of this organization without stint. He died in Boston March 19, 1893.



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